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SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS WITH JSP RE KOREA

1. JSP VICE CHAIRMAN KOICHI YAMAMOTO MENTIONED TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GLEYSTEN THAT HE HAD JUST COME FROM ATTENDING PRIVATE NEW YORK MEETING ON SUBJECT OF KOREA AND EXPECTED TO VISIT PYONGYANG IN THE NEAR FUTURE. YAMAMOTO COMMENTED THAT RESOLUTION OF KOREAN PROBLEM AND REUNIFICATION WERE COMPLEX ISSUES RESOLUTION OF WHICH WOULD TAKE TIME. HE ASKED HOW USG WAS DEALING WITH KOREA.

2. GLEYSTEN DESCRIBED US POLICY RE TROOP WITHDRAWALS (I.E. CONTINUATION OF DEFENSE COMMITMENT TO ROK;
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RETENTION OF AIR/NAVAL PRESENCE; WITHDRAWAL GROUND FORCES IN NON-DESTABILIZING MANNER). NOTING INCREASE IN ROK MILITARY AND ECONOMIC STRENGTH, HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT WE COULD WITHDRAW GROUND FORCES WITHOUT DISTURBING POWER BALANCE AND IN A WAY THAT MIGHT INTRODUCE SOME FLEXIBILITY RE FUTURE OF KOREAN PROBLEM. DPRK AND ALLIES, HE ADDED, SHOULD COME TO ACCEPT OUR OBJECTIVE OF CONTINUED PEACE ON

PENINSULA. HE SAID THAT A MORE PERMANENT SOLUTION MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT NEEDS OF BOTH DPRK AND ROK AND HENCE IT WAS IMPORTANT TO GET NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE RESUMED.

3. YAMAMOTO AGREED THAT ROK AND DPRK SHOULD BE WILLING TO TALK TO ONE ANOTHER AND EXPRESSED HIS INTENTIONS TO URGE DPRK IN THIS DIRECTION DURING HIS TRIP TO DPRK. GLEYSTEN NOTED PERSISTENT DPRK EFFORTS TO DISCUSS KOREAN QUESTION BILATERALLY WITH US. HE SAID WE WERE PREPARED TO TALK TO THE NORTH KOREANS ABOUT KOREA'S FUTURE BUT ONLY IF ROKG REPRESENTATIVES WERE ALSO INCLUDED. YAMAMOTO REMARKED THAT US ATTITUDE SEEMED "POSITIVE" AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT JAPANESE POLITICAL PARTIES SHOULD PLAY GREATER ROLE IN SEEKING RESOLUTION OF KOREA PROBLEM.

4. COMMENT: GLEYSTEN REFRAINED FROM ASKING THAT YAMAMOTO CONVEY US VIEWS TO NORTH KOREANS--ASSUMING SUCH A REQUEST WOULD STIMULATE POSSIBLE JAPANESE PRESS STORY ABOUT NEW JSP INTERMEDIARY EFFORT. SUCH STORIES MAY APPEAR NEVERTHELESS.
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